

First Presbyterian Church

Park Avenue and Madison Street,

Baltimore, Maryland

JOHN H. GARDNER, JR., D. D.,
MINISTER

February 28, 1950

The Reverend Stewart M. Robinson, D. D.
23 Kempshall Place
Elizabeth
New Jersey

Dear Stew:

Our Chaplains' meeting is Thursday, March 2nd instead of Wednesday, March 1st, and I hope you can be present.

I will approach the Board of Education and ask them to offer us fifty of the Hymnals for our Chapel in Washington. It seats only thirty-five people but it might be well to have a few extra books. Will it be agreeable to other denominations to have our Hymnals there?

With regard to the article in the Baltimore Sun by David Rankin Barbee, I can have it copied if you wish. It is curious that you should ask for it just at this time. For the past two months I have been making a careful search in the archives of Maryland for data regarding Elder William Durand and Elder Colonel Ninian Beale, also Reverends Francis Doughty, Matthew Hill, and Nathaniel Taylor. I have accumulated a raft of material, all documented, which I am shortly going to put into shape for publication. I will be glad to let you have access to it as soon as I can collect a few more things. It contains much more than Barbee knew about. If you are in haste about the Barbee article, however, I can have that done first.

Best regards to you and your family,

Cordially yours,

Jack

OPEN HOUSE DAY

in "Old Greenwich"

IN THE SPRINGTIME



"By water's side, on lonely road and village street,
'Neath ancient trees, whose sheltering branches meet,
Old houses stand, as they stood long, long ago;
Each one, a mute witness of life's ebb and flow."

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Saturday, May 27, 1950

From 1 to 5.30 P. M.

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Sponsored by the
Cumberland County Historical Society

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Tickets admitting holder to all of the homes, may be
obtained for \$1.50, including tax, at any of the places visited.

HISTORICAL HOMES

1. Near Shiloh, on the road leading to Roadstown, is the Howell House. It was the home of Governor Richard Howell. Here the Tea Burners met the evening of December 22nd, 1774. This house is now owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Renne.
2. From the Howell homestead the young men rode on horseback to the home of Philip Vicker Fithian. He was born in this house on December 28th, 1747. It is situated on the edge of Springtown near Greenwich. It is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Durham and owned by Newlin Watson.
3. The Brown Stone School house was built about 1811. The Artists of New Jersey use it for an exhibit of their lovely paintings. You will be welcome.
4. The Wood Mansion now the home of the Cumberland Co. Historical Society was built in 1795 by Richard Wood and was occupied for many years as a summer residence by his son, Dr. George Bacon Wood, the famous Philadelphia physician. It has been leased to our society by Theodore Wood, the present owner.
5. Formerly the Wheaton homestead. Now owned by Major and Mrs. Frank Ankenbrand. It is in the process of being rebuilt. Much of interest may be seen.
6. The Landis House. This house has been furnished by artists. It is an example of the beauty that may be brought forth from a Mid-Victorian house. Mr. and Charles Landis own and occupy it.
7. The Ewing house was built in 1834 by James Josiah Ewing, a grandson of one of the Tea Burners. It is owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ewing.
8. The Tea Burner's Monument was erected in 1908. Governor Franklin Fort was present at the unveiling.
9. The Reeves house was built many years ago. It is now owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Phelps Reinhart. Notice the original panes of glass and the high step in the hall where the ladies on horse back could alight gracefully.
10. The Old Meeting House built in 1771. The ground was bought in 1686 for the use of the people in scorn called Quakers forever. Probably the first house was of logs. A fire necessitated the building of the present Meeting House. Friend's meetings are now held up the street. It is marked.
11. Going back to either of the roads that turn to the left, one will reach Bacon's Neck. Samuel Bacon bought the land from the Indians in 1682 and called it Bacon's Adventure. Follow the red arrows to the home owned and occupied by Samuel Bacon's many times great-grandson, Joseph G. Hancock and his wife Ellen J. Hancock.
11. This house was built over two hundred years ago. It is unchanged except a modern kitchen, laundry and office were added in 1948. Under the trees the Historical Society will serve sandwiches and tea for sale for the benefit of our society.
12. Follow the red arrows to the home owned and occupied by Jean and Eleanor Ewing Erbough. It is rightly named Innwood. The house has every earmark of antiquity. It shows what understanding care and loving touches can do to make an attractive home.

13. Follow the red arrows to the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Hectorne. Browse in the garden and enjoy the view of the rolling farm land. This house was a Hunt homestead and was built over a hundred years ago. It is now owned by those who occupy it.
14. Again follow the arrows to the home that belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mills. This red brick house was, according to the letters in the end of the house, built by Richard and Rebecca Bacon in 1783. Its yard and beautiful shrubbery are worthy of note as well as the interesting old brick house.
15. Follow the arrows back to the main street. No. 15 is a quaint little cottage that one would like to tuck in their pocket and carry away. We do not know when it was built but it is an ancient land mark. It is now owned and occupied by Mrs. Mattie Glaspey and her artist daughter, Marian.
16. This house was built by Samuel Ewing in 1765. It is now owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. George Gallagher. Mrs. Gallagher is the daughter of one of the Charter members of our society—Mr. Walter H. Bacon. Many of the beautiful Bacon antiques are among the furnishings in this home. Wander in the garden and appreciate the care that has made it so attractive.

Other Places of Interest

- A. The old Sheppard home. The oldest part probably built in 1686. It is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Loatman.
- B. The Bond house was built for the rectory of St. Stephens Church about 1730. It is always referred to as the Bond house because a hundred years ago Dr. Bond lived there.
- C. This house was built in 1848 by Gabriel D. Hall. It was bought in 1870 by Edward M. Mulford. It is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Powers.
- D. This house is called the Sheppard House. Notice the Bull's Eyes over the door. It is now owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bonham.
- E. This is the Pirate House built in 1734. It is owned and occupied by Mrs. John Daniels.
- F. The Gibbon house was built in 1730 by Nicholas Gibbon. It is now owned by Everett Tomlinson and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hughes.
- G. This is the first Richard Wood home. It is now owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Underwood.
- H. The old tavern built about 1730. It is owned by Mrs. Walter Pierson and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Harkcom.
- I. The Baptist Church built about 100 years ago.
- J. The Presbyterian Church. The present building erected in 1835.
- K. Vaux Hall Gardens. The house was built in 1698. The property belongs to Thomas Maskell. The deeds in existence go back to 1703.
- L. The attractive old home of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Goodwin. His many times great grandfather bought the land about 1675 and called it Craven's Choyce.
- M. The Gabriel Davis house was built in 1785. It is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Clifford McAllister.
- N. At Sheppard's Mill is the home built by Benjamin Sheppard. It is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ogden.
- O. Not far away may be found the ancient graveyard of the Cohansey Baptist Church where lies the body of the first white female child born in Cohansey.

Home cooking and home-made cakes (to be taken out) will be on sale at the Fire Hall from 2 until 6 p. m., for the benefit of the Local P.T.A.



MRS. HOWARD BUSBY HANCOCK
CLOVERLAND FARMS
BRIDGETON R. D. 2, NEW JERSEY

May 31st 1950

Mr. Stewart M. Robinson -
Elizabeth N. J.

My dear Mr. Robinson:-

Your letter was
handed me as president
of the Cumberland Co. History
Society. I am
always intrigued with
stories of the other days.
Andrew Hunter's life
interested me and I had
spent a little time
gathering material about
him. The material I have

gathered was really
"little". — consisting of
Church records, newspaper
clippings etc. I am so
glad you have discovered
more than I.

You may know that the
Rev Ebenezer Gould was
pastor of our church from
1728-39. His wife died
that year and was buried
in the aisle of the church.

In 1746 Rev Andrew
Hunter became pastor. He
died in 1775 and was
interred under the middle
aisle near the pulpit.

I have no picture of his
stone but I thought you

might be interested in
seeing the stone as it is
today over the grave of
the wife of the Rev Gould.
The church was torn down
in 1835 because, according
to the minutes of the church
record book, "The time would
come when no one would
care for old things".

Some sunny day I will
take a picture of Rev
Hunters resting place. If
I have anything you wish
I will be glad to give it
to you.

It seems to me it
would be a fine thing if
you drove down to our

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old village and visited
the scene of Audubon
Hunter's activities.

Best wishes

Sincerely

(Mrs H.B.) Sarah Sheppard Hancock,